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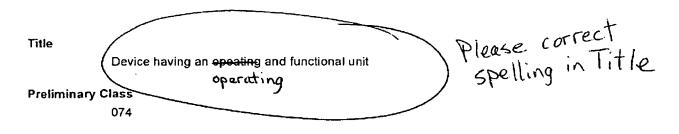
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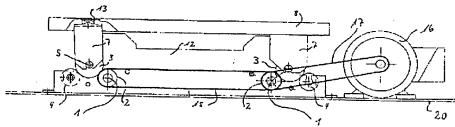
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a device comprising two table-like supporting plates, which serve as operating and functional units. The supporting plates each have a longitudinal and transversal extension, are arranged parallel to one another in a frame that can be immobilized in a fixed manner, and are each mounted so that they can spatially move with three-dimensional degrees of freedom that are independent of one another. In addition, a motor-operated drive is provided that can set the supporting plates in oscillatory motion at least in a one-dimensional direction and independent of one another.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung hat eine Vorrichtung zum Gegenstand, welche als Arbeits- und Funktionseinheiten zwei tischartige Auflageplatten umfasst, die jeweils eine Llings- und eine Quererstreckung aufweisen, welche in einem ortsfest leststellbaren Rahmengestell parallel zueinander angeordnet und jeweils für sich in voneinander unabhängigen dreidimensionalen Freiheitsgraden raumbeweglich gelagert sind, und dass ein motorischer Antrieb vorgeschen ist, der die Auflageplatten zumindest in eindimensioanaler Richtung unabhängig voneinander in oszillierende Bewegungen versetzt.